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1. ON MARCH 20, SCICOUNS MET WITH USSR WORLD OCEANS
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY METAL'NIKOV, AT THE LATTER'S REQUEST
DURING WHICH METAL'NIKOV GAVE SCICOUNS A LETTER FROM
SOVIET COCHAIRMAN A. V. SIDORENKO FOR TRANSMISSION TO
NOAA ADMINISTRATOR R. A. FRANK. (LETTER BEING PROVIDED
SEPTEL.) METAL'NIKOV THEN ADVISED THAT HE HAD RECEIVED
THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON SUBJECT MEETINGS TODAY
(MARCH 20) FROM THE SOVIET EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON.

- MARTINEAU HAS AGREED TO PRE-RENEWAL DISCUSSIONS WITH
METAL'NIKOV AND IS EXPECTING METAL'NIKOV AND N. N. KURASOV,
ASSISTANT TO THE VICE PRESIDENT OF THE ACADEMY OF SCIENCES,
IN WASHINGTON APRIL 2-9, AND

- MARTINEAU HAS ALSO AGREED TO LATE MAY JCM DATE PROPOSED
BY SOVIETS WITH THE QUALIFICATION THAT USDEL WILL ONLY
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STAY FOR A WEEK IN THE USSR, I.E., JCM WILL TAKE PLACE
MAY 22-29. ACCORDING TO METAL'NIKOV, MARTINEAU ALSO
PROPOSED THAT JCM TAKE PLACE IN MOSCOW, NOT TALLINN, AS
SOVIETS PLAN. METAL'NIKOV NOTED THAT HE WILL PRESS FOR
TALLINN SESSION AT FORTHCOMING MEETING WITH MARTINEAU.

2. COMMENT - EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE CONFIRMATION OF

METAL'NIKOV'S STATEMENTS CONCERNING US ACCEPTANCE OF SOVIET PROPOSALS FOR JCM TIMING AND MARTINEAU'S AGREEMENT TO RECEIVE METAL'NIKOV NEXT MONTH IN WASHINGTON FOR PRE-RENEWAL DISCUSSIONS. IF METAL'NIKOV'S STATEMENTS ARE CORRECT, WE ARE SURPRISED AND CONCERNED THAT THESE DECISIONS, WHICH WE ASSUME WERE CLEARED BY ICCUSSA, WERE NOT COMMUNICATED TO THE SCST THROUGH THIS EMBASSY IN VIEW OF THE NUMEROUS INQUIRIES (REFS A-C) WE HAVE MADE.

3. AS WE NOTED IN OUR ASSESSMENT OF THE WORLD OCEANS AGREEMENT (REF D), SCST AND METAL'NIKOV WILL USE EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO END RUN THE EMBASSY WHEN IT SERVES THEIR PURPOSES. IN THIS CONNECTION, METAL'NIKOV POINTEDLY NOTED TO SCICOUNS THAT INFORMATION CONCERNING US DECISION ON JCM DID NOT COME THROUGH THIS EMBASSY AND IMPLIED THAT WE MAY HAVE BEEN WITHHOLDING INFORMATION. WE WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE THE DEPARTMENT MAKING A RENEWED EFFORT TO ENSURE THAT NOAA USES THE PROPER CHANNELS IN COMMUNICATING WITH SCST TO ENSURE COORDINATION OF THE US EFFORT.

4. REGARDING THE SITE FOR THE JCM, WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT THE US CONTINUE TO PRESS FOR A MOSCOW MEETING. AT THIS JUNCTURE IN SOVIET-AMERICAN RELATIONS WE DO NOT THINK THAT THE PRESENCE OF THE NOAA ADMINISTRATOR, A SUB-CABINET LEVEL OFFICIAL, IN THE CAPITAL OF ONE OF THE BALTIC LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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STATES WOULD BE APPROPRIATE. END COMMENT.

5. EMBASSY COMMENTS ON WORLD OCEANS AGREEMENT RENEWAL PER REF E WILL FOLLOW SEPTTEL. TOON

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